



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Exiting From Group R, Division 2 Occupancies Housing Non-ambulatory Clients		
Code Section(s)			
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- 1. Can a person exit through two intervening rooms in a Group R, Division -2 occupancy housing six or less non-ambulatory clients?**

One of the two required exits can be through a hallway and then to another bedroom that has an exit directly to the outside. Furthermore, the code also allows the exit to be through an adjacent room (such as a bathroom) and then through a bedroom with a direct exit to the outside. The overall intent of the code is to allow exiting using a means of egress that does not expose the persons to common areas.
- 2. Is it the intent of the code to allow both of the required exits to be through intervening rooms?**

No. The preferred means of exiting from bedrooms housing non-ambulatory clients should exit directly to the exterior. However, when this is not practical, the exiting may be through an intervening room.